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Bomb Scare Clears High School

PERTH AMBOY - Authorities interrupted classes at Perth Amboy High School last week after an anonymous caller told police he intended to blow up the building.

A search was conducted at the schools Tuesday, Feb. 12 after a someone phoned at about 2 p.m. and told police that a bomb would be going off, according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pablo Clausell.

Police moved swiftly, evacu-

ating the Perth Amboy High School and searching it with bomb-sniffing dogs before allowing students to return for after-hours class activities and extra-curricular events, Clausell said. The search resulted in no evidence of any bomb, and after-school activities resumed said the superintendent.

Last April, New York police received a call from a cellular phone warning that the Middlesex County vo-tech in Perth Amboy, Carteret Middle School and Woodbridge High School, would be bombed. After evacuating the schools then and conducting searches,

no bombs were found.

That threat, phoned in at 7:43 a.m. on April 24, 2001, was apparently modeled after an April 11 bomb threat to New York police that prompted early closings in three Middlesex County districts.

Authorities did not say if last week's evacuation was related to the previous bomb scares, but they did note that serious penalties will be applied if they locate anyone guilty of making false reports.

Authorities say police are investigating some similarities between the latest bomb scare and previous threats.

Officials said there was no link between the bomb threat and information turned up by the FBI indicating that a terror attack was planned in the United States or against U.S. interests in Yemen on Tuesday.

Based on discoveries in Afghanistan, where the U.S. military has been sifting through material left by al Qaeda members, and from interviews with detainees, including al Qaeda members, held at the U.S. Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the FBI released a warning, although no specific threat was known.

School Board Deadline Approaches

LOCAL - Monday is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for candidates interested in positions on the local Board of Education.

Petitions must be filed with the school board secretary by 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 25 for candidates to have their names listed on the Tuesday, April 16 ballot.

Three seats are at stake on the nine-member panel, which governs education and sets school tax rates in the municipality.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain petitions and a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the Board of Education business office.

Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member.

Information about the state's School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY-Pictured (L.-R.), Jane Bourhill, the freshman year coordinator; Dr. John Bakum, president; and Larry Alford, executive director of human resources, place food donations to the Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (M.D.F.O.O.S.) Middlesex County College ran the food drive Feb. 4-15 throughout the campus. All items collected go directly to the food pantries, soup kitchens and nonprofit agencies throughout the county

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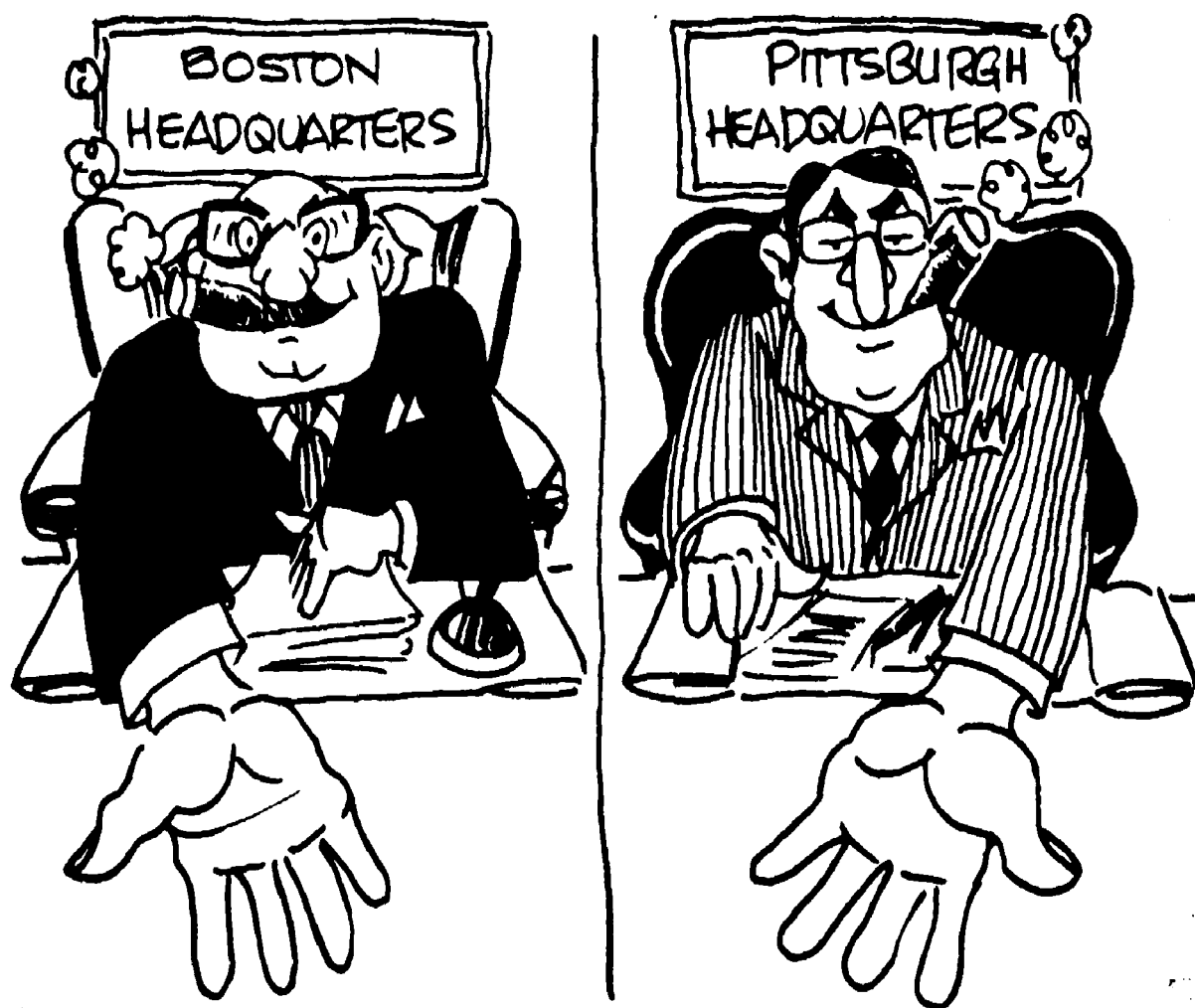
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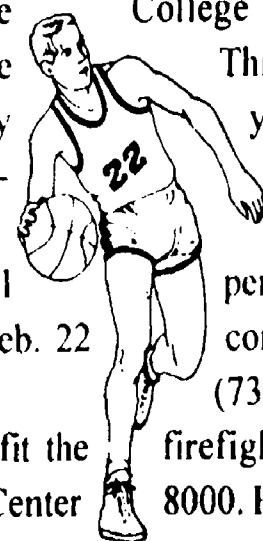
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Breakfast & Mini Auction

COLONIA—The Colonia Memorial Post #6061, 606 Inman Avenue, Colonia, will hold a breakfast and mini auction on Sunday, March 24 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The menu includes pancakes or eggs. Adults \$6 and children under 10, \$3. Proceeds for veterans and cancer programs.

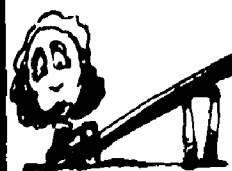
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Students Save Money For Milestone Events

SOUTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay FCU has set up two new club accounts for students of South Amboy High School. The Ring Club and Prom Club have been set up to help students save wisely for their class ring and prom expenses.

These accounts are available to all students attending South Amboy High School. There is no minimum balance required to open a Ring or Prom Club Account, and students can customize their club account by depositing the amount that best fits their budget and goals. They can conveniently deposit their money made from part-time jobs, babysitting, birthdays, holidays, and even small amounts such as lunch change, into their account at the Lighthouse, the student run branch of Raritan Bay FCU, located in South Amboy High School. Students also have the option of making deposits at any of the other branches in Sayreville, South River and most recently, the new Parlin EXPRESS Service Center.

The Ring and Prom Club Accounts are interest bearing accounts that are customized to the needs of young adults. The accounts were created with the intention of attracting and serving young members by raising their awareness of the Credit Union and providing them with valuable financial education.

Raritan Bay FCU, is a non-profit, community chartered financial institution that serves everyone who lives, works or worships in Sayreville, South Amboy and South River. Raritan Bay FCU was chartered in 1941, and it is owned and operated by its members.

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Four Bearcats Capture Gold At Edison Tourney

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Peter Buttritta (JR-70) and Brett Epps (INT-122) each registered three falls on their way to first place finishes. Epps also garnered the Co-Outstanding Wrestler Award with a performance that saw him take less than a minute and a half to register all three pins. Also earning gold medals in extremely tough weight classes were Nick Hart (B-60) and Dave Zboyan (67).

First year wrestler Matt Sabin (110) earned a silver medal and Matt Hart (73), Joe Koenig (76), Dan Donohue (120) and Vin Maglione (HWT) all captured bronze medals.

The tournament, dedicated to the memory of Stephen Fulcher, an Edison wrestler who was killed by another student, was attended by teams from throughout the Mid-Jersey League, including Edison, Woodbridge, South Brunswick, Hazlet, Old Bridge, Metuchen, Sayreville, Piscataway, Monroe, South River, North Brunswick and East Brunswick.

Law Firm Announces Addition Of Associate

EDISON—Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel LLP, one of the major New Jersey law firms with offices located in Woodbridge and Roseland, announces the addition of Marc D. Mory of Edison, as an associate in the firm's Litigation Department.

Prior to joining the firm, Mory served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Martin Kravarik, Superior Court of Middlesex County. A graduate of Brandeis University (1998), he earned his law degree from Hofstra University School of Law (2001), where he was managing editor of the *Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal*. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey.

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is a full service law firm providing services to individuals and businesses. Ten of the firm's 50 partners have been listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. for more information, call (732) 549-5600 or visit the firm's web site at www.greenbaumlaw.com.

Blood Drive

WOODBIDGE—Congregation Adath Israel, 424 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, will sponsor a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 2-7:30 p.m.

The need for blood is always critical. Donors need only be at least 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more. Call Lila Nass at Congregation Adath Israel for further information and to schedule your time to donate at (732) 634-9601.

Basketball Team Raises \$1,600 For Cancer Research

WOODBIDGE—JFK Memorial High School partnered with Colonia High School to hold a joint Service-Learning project to fundraise for *Coaches vs. Cancer*, a branch of the American Cancer Society. Over 700 people attended the recent Varsity boys basketball game between the two Woodbridge Township schools.

A total of \$1,600 was collected through admission, sales of t-shirts and miniature basketballs and donations from community members. During half time, students Ryan McCullough, JFK; Ryan Ramnarian, CHS and Jared Ramage, JFK Athletic Director, presented the donation to Jim Young, a representative of the American Cancer Society.

The educational components of this project included studying the nature and causes of cancer in health classes, designing and assembling promotional buttons by exceptional students, and art students creating posters advertising this event.

Learn About The Lenape

EDISON—The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society will hold its March meeting on Friday, March 1 at the Metuchen Senior Citizens' Center, 15 Center Street, Metuchen. Mark Nonestied, assistant curator for the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum, will speak and show slides about the Lenape, who inhabited what is now New Jersey, southeastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware before the coming of Europeans.

By uncovering their campsites, remains of houses and refuse areas, archaeologists have discovered that the first native hunters arrived in this area about 12,000 years ago. This slide presentation explores the culture and historic background of the Lenape, New Jersey's native people.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS**Thousands Of Booster Seats To Be Distributed**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Four-thousand child booster seats became available for distribution on Feb. 15 to families who need them. The distribution is organized by the United Way of Central Jersey, inc., which covers all of Middlesex County and Franklin Township in Somerset County. Ford Motor Company and the United Way of America donated the seats as part of their national child passenger safety campaign called "Boost America."

The child booster seats are available to anyone who needs one. The seats will be available at the former Systems Plus Warehouse, 182 Whitman Avenue (behind Costco, Route 27) in Edison. Local police officers will be on hand to assist parents with the proper installation of the seats.

Last year, New Jersey enacted the nation's toughest child passenger safety law. It requires youngsters under the age of 8 who weigh less than 80 pounds to ride in car safety seats or booster seats.

Gloria Aftanski, President of United Way of Central Jersey, explains, "We are pleased to be able to help families in our area

to abide by the changes in booster seat laws in New Jersey. Two months ago, we gave away 1,000 booster seats to income-eligible families serviced by our member agencies. Continuing to meet the needs of our community is a priority. These seats can save lives and are proud to be a part of the initiative."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a total of 468 children in the booster seat age group of 4-8 years were killed in car crashes in 2000, down from 509 in 1999.

United Way of Central Jersey is a not-for-profit fund-raising organization that supports and provides funding for 120 social service and health care programs that are administered by 45 non-profit member agencies. United Way of Central Jersey, organized in 1930, serves Middlesex County and Franklin Township in Somerset County. Funds raised are distributed to diverse programs that meet the needs of pre-schoolers, youth and teens, adults and senior citizens. The 2000-01 fundraising campaign yielded more than \$4.6 million. Visit www.uwcj.org.

Big Winners In Our Midst

AREA—The New Jersey State Lottery Commission has released a list of local residents who have won the lottery for the year 2001.

For the Middlesex County area:

Carteret: Patricia M. Farrell, Instant Game, \$30,000; Dale D. Popek, Cash 5, \$18,615; and William P. Gray, Instant Game, \$50,000.

Woodbridge: Lillian Smozanitz, Pick 6, \$142, 857.86; Stella Gamatko, Instant Game, \$1,000,000;.

Fords: Majkut R. Zbigniew, Instant Game, \$10,000.

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5, \$27,196; Thomas Ruglio, Instant Game, \$10,000; and Gajjar B. Baiju, Instant Game, \$20,000.

Perth Amboy: Joseph Ellington, Cash 5, \$26,759; Rita J. Kaminski, Instant Game, \$20,000; Tania Eduardo, Instant Game, \$10,000; Eduardo A. Nunez, Cash 5, \$49,000; Josue Torres, Instant Game, \$50,000; and Ismail Favez, Lotzee, \$25,003.

Edison: William C. Bauer, Pick 4, \$12,997.50; Jerome N. Kaulius, Pick 4, \$11,514; Rosemary Lastella, Instant Game \$20,000; Daylat Khetani, Instant Game, \$20,000; Kathrina Both, Instant Game, \$25,000; Laura M. Harris, Cash 5, \$58,417; Domingo L. Madolid, Cash 5, \$43,370; Paul D. Hopping,

Instant Game, \$25,000.

Metuchen: Ella B. Lepore, Instant Game, \$20,000.

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Sayreville: Joseph V. Riggio, Instant Game, \$100,000; Sheth Purvesh, Instant Game, \$33,333; Thomas E. Gilligan, Cast 5, \$64,510; and Dorothy E. Wriolie, Instant Game, \$50,000.

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SeaStreak, based in Atlantic Highlands, launched its new commuter ferry service from the redeveloped South Amboy waterfront to Pier 11 (Wall Street) and East 34th Street in New York City on Feb. 4. An 82-foot high-speed catamaran that holds 300 passengers has five weekday departures from the new terminal beginning at 6 a.m.

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PRAHD Passes Review

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Human Services Performance Standards Review Committee has completed its review of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD).

The agency scored 97 points, out of a possible 100. Executive Director Lydia Trinidad was presented a certificate of excellence at a recent Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council meeting.

Each year the committee convenes to conduct an in-depth study of one or two funded agencies.

The committee holds many meetings with the agency, including monitoring their day-to-day operations, auditing their financial records, and affirming that the program is operating within the prescribed management context.

YOUR COUNTY NEWS

World-Famous Historian To Be Keynote Speaker

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Dr. Ivan Van Sertima, anthropologist, historian, poet and literary critic, will be the keynote speaker for African History Month at Middlesex County College. He will deliver his address, "Shared Roots: The African, Caribbean and American Connection," at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, in the Performing Arts Center of the College Center.

Dr. Van Sertima, who lives in Highland Park, is the author of *They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America*. Published in 1977, it is in its 21st printing and has influenced the development of a new multicultural curriculum in the United States. He is founder and editor of the *Journal of African Civilization*.

Former professor of African studies at Rutgers and former visiting professor at Princeton, Dr. Van Sertima has lectured at more than 100 universities in the United States and Canada, the Caribbean, South America and Europe. He defended his thesis on the African presence in pre-Colombian America before the Smithsonian, which published his address in 1955. Dr. Van Sertima was honored as a historian of world repute by being selected to join UNESCO's International Commission for Rewriting the Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind.

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"Rollerball," the 2002 edition, isn't as bad as I thought it would be. It's worse.

At least the 1975 original, starring James Caan as Jonathan E. the futuristic blood sport's undisputed hero, took the time to be pretentious. Actually, a warmed over "1984" on wheels, the cautionary tale told of a world, circa 2018, where corporations had supplanted the nation state. And studiously following the Roman tenet of providing bread and circus to keep a brainwashed populace at bay, rollerball played an important part in ventilating any pent-up emotions that might come of living in a totalitarian environment, no matter how comfortable and prosperous.

It was ultimately sophomoric, filled with large vacant pauses between the brutal game sequences as Mr. Caan's witless jock tried to figure out why those Machiavellian powers that be wanted him to hang up his skates. PS, he was getting bigger than the game, and that just wouldn't do.

But have no fear, violence fans. There is no second-rate poli-sci lesson paraded out to front for the insanity that comprises this newest rendition. Just third-rate filmmaking. Director John McTiernan dispenses with much of writer William Harrison's sci-fi ruminations, changes the date to 2005 and limits this brave new world to only a perennially dank corner of former Soviet Russia. Now, instead of the Fortune 500 running the show, a misused Jean Reno plays a Russian gangster carving himself a piece of the capitalistic pie thanks to the nihilistic attraction of the cruel sport he rules. Yet despite the dumbing down of what was pretty dumb to start with, this second coming of the game doesn't even score in the

thrills and spills department.

Game sequence shots are for the most part isolated, cut and paste jobs, confined to very small portions of the track. This precludes the sort of panoramic context it would take to make the deadly sport seem real. And as it has been twenty-seven years since filmmaker Norman Jewison's "Rollerball," at the very least you'd think the digital age special effects would outsparkle the analog original. But if director McTiernan ("Die Hard") availed himself of computer techniques to enhance the battle sequences both on and off the track, it sure doesn't show. Hence the only thing this raging spin around the velodrome is left with is an in-your-face attitude. But nothing comes of it. Certainly it isn't too much attention to plot that keeps McTiernan from delivering in the action department.

But there is plenty of antipathy, if that's your thing. Curiously, like the teenagers this film is doubtlessly intended for, everyone in this "Rollerball" is angry. We're never quite sure why. Nevertheless, they all seem to have a chip on their collective shoulder. Could it be the actors sense that all their efforts spell flop? Or is it the relentlessly dark and rain-soaked eastern European street scenes that has everyone in such an ill humor?

And then again, could it be that all this bad will was completely explained in an earlier scene that subsequently wound up on the cutting room floor and either (A), the director forgot about it, or (B), he figured "big deal, people who come to see this sort of film couldn't care less about continuity. It's body count they want."

In either case, we never really do figure what's eating this newest

Jonathan. Played by Chris Klein, when first we meet the daredevil protagonist he's skateboarding San Francisco's streets with his no-account friends.

Wreaking all sorts of havoc and being pursued by the cops, he is scooped to safety by old high school football chum Ridley (LL Cool J) in his Porsche. He just so happens to be home on break from his professional rollerballing career in Kazakhstan, or some such place. To paraphrase their conversation, Ridley says, "Hey man, what's happenin'?"

"Nothin' much man," says Jonathan.

"Hey, I thought you were going to play in the NHL?" inquires Ridley.

"Nah, they didn't call me yet."

"That's OK, dude. Why don't you come and play rollerball with me?" invites Ridley.

"Nah, that phony bologna?" Jonathan responds indignantly. But we suspect Ridley's Porsche is not lost on Jonathan. And of course Ridley's ride of choice in Europe is a Ferrari.

Next scene. It's four months later. Jonathan is the biggest thing to hit the former Iron Curtain country. It's like the sport didn't exist before his arrival. And after each and every successful game, he races Ridley to the women-swamped night clubs in his new Shelby Cobra. But why is Jonathan still so angry?

Is it because he sold out? Who knows? "And who cares?" the fourteen-year-old you might opine. "Look at those cars. But geez, look at those grimy, cold, always wet streets. Maybe it really isn't worth it. Maybe I should stay in school. I mean, there really isn't any rollerball. And anyway, now Jonathan's mad because he senses something's rotten in Kazakhstan. Yup, he's just a pawn in rollerball mogul Alexi Petrovich's corrupt little world."

At least that's how this fourteen-year-old sees it. Yes, admittedly, there is a hint of a plot as Alexi, acted by Jean Reno, senses his star player's ire. And in typical megalomaniac form, he practically welcomes the ensuing challenge as an opportunity to affirm his own natural superiority. But the foist that follows is typical and, alas, a bore like the rest of the film. So the advice is, if you don't want to wind up angry like Jonathan, simply let "Rollerball" skate on by.

"Rollerball," rated PG-13, is an MGM release directed by John McTiernan and stars Chris Klein, LL Cool J, Jean Reno and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. Running time: 90 minutes.

Photography
Workshop In Tuscany

AREA—Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Chip Forelli of New York, well-known artists and educators of photography, will lead a group of photographers into Tuscany, an area of Italy worthy of examination and discovery. Participants will focus on the countryside and villages, with an emphasis on architecture, documentary, portrait and landscape photography. History, art architecture and the opportunity to make incredible photographs, await each participant. The workshop fee of \$1,900 includes tuition, shared accommodations, transportation during the workshop, breakfasts, dinners and tours. The workshop given May 15-23 is designed for all levels of experience in photography.

Working with the craft of black and white as well as color photography, Ori and Forelli offer a challenging workshop within the inspirational atmosphere of Tuscany. The goal of this workshop is to encourage personal vision and growth through instruction, interaction and self-motivation. While technique is an integral part, it is not the main concentration of this workshop. Focusing on spontaneity and instinct, you will be motivated to push yourself creatively and go beyond previously ventured avenues.

The workshop will actually begin in Berkeley Heights when all workshop participants will be invited to meet each other at a weekend afternoon gathering for orientation. A vital part of this meeting will be the sharing of images for discussion and a chance to develop new friendships. After traveling to Italy, the second part of the workshop will begin with camera-work and discussion in the picturesque countryside surrounding Florence. The group will venture on to explore the

side and street life throughout Tuscany, visiting cities such as Lucca, Pisa, Sienna, and San Gimignano, to name just a few. Both single and shared accommodations are available at a private estate outside of Lucca, which will be the home base for the workshop. The property is a wine and olive estate, very picturesque and with a shepherd family who make exquisite ricotta and pecorino cheese. "Our personal cook will prepare expanded continental breakfast and dinners each day. Lunch is on your own. And several nights, we will be delighted by tastings of local wines, olive oil, balsamico and cheeses. The dinners give us the opportunity to experience truly regional dishes and wine in the privacy of this country estate," Ori said. Lucca is located in the foothills of the Garfagnana Mountains where Leonardo de Vinci and Michelangelo personally oversaw the quarrying of their marble.

Instructors, Nancy Ori and Chip Forelli have over 25 years experience each as professional photographers and instructors and are widely exhibited fine artists. Ori is Founder and Director of the New Jersey Photography Forum at the Watchung Arts Center and the Heritage Photography Workshop Series held each year in Cape May. She has also become an experienced teacher through years of affiliation with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California and in New Jersey at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Summit Area Community Schools, Peter's Valley Craft Education Center, in Layton, Somerset Art Association in Bedminster and the Watchung Adult School, Watchung.

For additional information and registration, contact Nancy Ori directly at (908)



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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**New Health Resources For Children, Parents, Caregivers**

AREA — Focusing on the needs of the community, the new website for Atlantic Children's Medical Center (childrens-medicalcenter.atlantichealth.org) offers information targeted to children, teens, parents, caregivers and healthcare professionals. The website features many ways for patients and caregivers to

Medical Center, such as:

- Children preparing for a hospital stay can learn what to expect from information posted on the Children's Medical Center site.

- Teens can pose questions anonymously about their medical conditions and concerns to doctors through TeenHealthFX.com, a teen-oriented area of the Children's

Medical Center website.

- Parents and caregivers can access a comprehensive list of pediatric medical practitioners and sub-specialists affiliated with Children's Medical Center, as well as information on their areas of expertise.

- For general information on a wide variety of subjects of concern to parents and caregivers, the website offers the list of subjects available through the Parent's Advice Line sponsored by the Children's Medical Center.

- The Children's Medical Center website also includes links to topics ranging from healthy lifestyle habits to chronic disease management.

The new website is one of many enhancements to pediatric health care from Atlantic Children's Medical Center, part of the Atlantic Health System - the hospitals of Morristown Memorial, Overlook Hospital in Summit, Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, and The General Hospital Center at Passaic. In 2002, the Children's Medical Center will

expand its services and facilities with the addition of the Goryeb Children's Center and the Gagnon Children's Emergency Center at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Scheduled to have opened the week of Jan. 28, the Goryeb Children's Center will provide the most advanced medical care to children from birth to age 21. A three-story, 86,000 square foot facility at Morristown Memorial Hospital, the new Goryeb Children's Center will include a Day Hospital for short stay procedures; the Valerie Fund Children's Center for children with cancer and blood disorders; a Diabetes Center; a Pediatric Special Care Unit for critically ill or injured youngsters; a Diagnostic Center; and a clinical subspecialist area designed to look and feel like a physician's private office setting.

Opening later in 2002, the Gagnon Children's Emergency Center is a dedicated pediatric emergency room with 16 treatment rooms and a separate waiting area, located adjacent

to the Morristown Memorial Hospital's adult emergency room.

Additionally, dedicated pediatric emergency services are being enhanced at Overlook and Mountainside Hospitals in 2002 to include pediatricians and pediatric nurses on-site in the emergency department and separate pediatric areas with "kid-friendly" (smaller, child-sized) equipment, furnishings and décor.

Physician referrals and information about Atlantic Children's Medical Center are also available by calling 1-888-878-KIDS.

Atlantic Children's Medical Center provides an entire range of specialized pediatric services that focus on the special health care needs of children and their families. Unlike many other children's centers confined to a single building, the Children's Medical Center spans multiple facilities throughout Atlantic Health System, providing convenient access to specialists, programs and services.

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Course On Hospice

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The programs are scheduled from 6:30-9 p.m. on five consecutive Tuesdays, March 19 through April 16, at Raritan Bay

Medical Center, Medical Arts Building, 1 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge. The program will be presented by members of the agency's hospice team, which includes nurses, physicians, social workers, home health aides, therapists, spiritual counselors and volunteers. Team members work collaboratively to provide comfort, support and dignity for the patient and supportive services for the patient's family throughout their loved one's illness and during the time of bereavement.

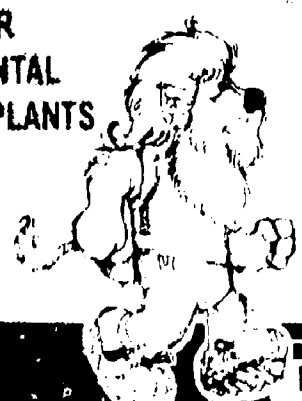
Participants in the course will

learn how to approach the patient, his family and friends with empathy, understanding and sensitivity. Subjects to be covered include the grief process, family dynamics, communication and listening, spirituality, medical aspects of the terminally ill, and pain management.

Volunteers are a vital component of the hospice team, and those who complete the course will qualify as trained hospice volunteers. There is no charge for the course, but advance registration is required. To register, call Pauline De Palma, volunteer manager, at 732-224-6933.



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**What To Do If You Haven't Received A Form W-2**

AREA — You should have received a Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," from each employer you worked for to use in preparing your federal tax return. According to the IRS, employers must furnish this record of 2001 earnings and withheld taxes no later than January 31, 2002 (if mailed, allow a few days for delivery).

(This year, employers of household employees has until February 15 to furnish W-2s because of a late mailing of Package H, the forms and

instruction booklets sent yearly to those who filed tax returns as household employers the year before.)

If you have not received your Form W-2, contact your employer to find out if and when the W-2 was mailed. If it was mailed, it may have been returned to your employer because of an incorrect or incomplete address, so be sure to verify your address. After contacting your employer, allow a reasonable amount of time for your employer to re-

mail or to issue the W-2.

If you still do not receive your W-2, contact the IRS for assistance toll free at 1-800-829-1040. When you call, have the following information handy:

1. The employer's name and complete address, including zip code, the employer's identification number (if known), and telephone number,

2. Your name, address, including zip code, Social Security number, and telephone number; and

3. An estimate of the wages you earned, the federal income tax withheld, and the dates you began and ended employment.

You still must file your tax return on time even if you do not receive your Form W-2. If you cannot get a W-2 by your tax-filing deadline, you may use Form 4852, "Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement," but it will delay any refund due while the information is verified.

If you receive a corrected W-2 after your return is filed and the information it contains does not match the income or withheld tax you reported on your return, you must file an amended return on Form 1040X.

Forms 4852 and 1040X

and their instructions are available on the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, in the "Forms & Pubs" section, or by calling toll free to 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).



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Assistance In Spanish – Ayuda en Español

AREA — If you need federal tax information in Spanish, you can find it in the form of recorded tax topics, free tax publications and toll-free telephone assistance from the Internal Revenue Service.

TeleTax is a toll-free automated service, in English and Spanish, providing helpful tax topics and refund information. You can find a list of the 151 TeleTax topics in the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A or

1040EZ. TeleTax can also help you if it's been at least four weeks since you filed your return and you want to check on the status of your federal refund. Having a copy of the tax return handy will help you respond to the prompts on the automated system. TeleTax is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-829-4477.

Free Spanish publications are available by calling 1-800-

TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Some of the more popular ones are:

• Publication 1SP, "Derechos del Contribuyente (Your Rights as a Taxpayer)"

• Publication 579SP, "Como Preparar la Declaración de Impuesto," explains who has to file a federal tax return and other important topics, such as which form to file, who are dependents, what income is taxable and nontaxable, and what

some of the more common tax credits are

• Publication 596SP, "Crédito por Ingreso del Trabajo," provides details on the Earned Income Tax Credit.

You can also talk with a Spanish-speaking IRS representative by calling toll free 1-800-829-1040 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays through April 13.

Child Tax Credit

AREA — With the Child Tax Credit, you may be able to reduce the federal tax you owe by \$600 for each qualifying child under the age of 17, according to the IRS. A qualifying child for this credit is someone who:

- Is claimed as your dependent,
 - Was under age 17 at the end of 2001,
 - Is your son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or eligible foster child, and
 - Is a U.S. citizen or resident.
- The credit is limited if your

modified adjusted gross income is above a certain amount. The total credit-not the per child amount-is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 (or part thereof) that your adjusted gross income exceeds the threshold amount. The amount at which this phase-out begins varies depending on your filing status:

- Married Filing Jointly \$110,000
- Married Filing Separate \$55,000
- All others \$75,000

The Child Tax Credit reduces the amount of tax you owe. In

addition, if the credit you are eligible to claim exceeds your tax liability, you can claim the difference as a refund. The IRS provides a one-page worksheet (Form 8812) for you to figure your credit and possible refund.

You may claim the child tax credit on Form 1040 or 1040A. Details on how to compute the credit can be found in the forms' instructions and in Publication 972, "Child Tax Credit." The forms and publications are available from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov, at your local IRS Tax Assistance Center, or by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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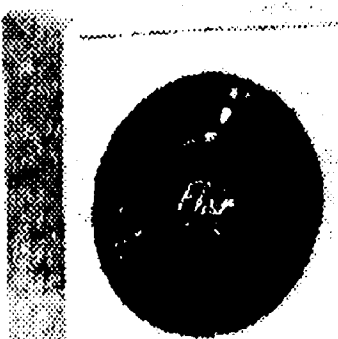
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EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial

Who Is Our Enemy?

By Jeffery Hart

The nations of the West, especially the United States, have an enemy — even if they don't want one. That enemy is militant Islam. The global population of Islam is about 1 billion. The scholar Daniel Pipes estimates the number of militant Islamists to be about 10 percent to 15 percent of that, or roughly 150 million people worldwide. Surrounding this core are Muslims who range from sympathizers to indifferents, plus an elite few who would like to see Islam modernize and renovate its clergy-stifled education system and join the 21st century.

It is time to stop talking about Islam as "one of the great religions," as a religion that teaches tolerance, gentleness and other nice things. At every point, Islam is fundamentally at odds with the modern West. The Christian Crusades are now a distant memory for us. The "jihad" or holy war seems to be much on the minds of contemporary Muslims, especially the militant variety.

An important component of Western civilization consists of philosophy and science. Medieval Islam possessed notable philosophers and scientists, but those traditions expired around the 14th century. Today Islam is dominated by the clergy and has sunk into anti-modern intellectual torpor and, among some, murderous bitterness.

When we look at the Muslim world from a political perspective, in virtually every feature it is

the negation of what we value in the West. We value representative government. In fact, we regard it as the only really legitimate form of government in the modern world. You can argue pretty convincingly that it is the only form of government compatible with capitalism and prosperity.

The only nation having representative government today in Islam is Turkey. There, uniquely, they have separated church and state. Everywhere else, dictatorships.

When someone talks multiculturalism, you have to laugh. Are people lining up around the block to emigrate to Syria?

The United States has a strong individualistic tradition. This was nicely articulated by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Thus, all men are equal with respect to those rights. No one is inherently superior in the exercise of them. If you can make it, you can keep it — under the law.

Clearly, individualism has little place in Islam.

About the condition of women under Islam, the only word is "unspeakable."

Militant Islam prefers to dress them in veils and bags and deny them an education. Grotesque.

Wherever you look at the Muslim world, it is the opposite of the West. Turkey is looking westward, but the rest of the picture is bleak politically, socially, intellectually, religiously. In every respect, militant Islam hates modern Western civilization and would kill us all if it could.

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ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WINIOWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton

We're not just cupcakes. While it isn't, that could be the slogan of the modern PTA (Parent-Teacher Association). Most of us with our school years well behind us have fond memories of the cupcakes, bake sales and other good work the PTA did for us while we were in school. And while the PTA still serves some of those same important social functions, their mission is now, and to a large extent always has been, much broader and more serious than simply hosting parties.

I am reminded of this because February 17, 2002 is the National PTA's 105th anniversary. Today, the National PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States—6.5 million members strong—with local organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands and in the Department of Defense Schools around the world. Their members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation and include parents, grandparents and other caring adults. The PTA mission is threefold: To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies. To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children. And to encourage parent and public involvement in the schools of this nation.

The PTA can trace its roots to 1887 in Washington D.C. when two women with vision and determination, Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, founded an organization call The National Congress of Mothers. In the

early days they focused on issues such as child labor laws, a public health service and the creation of a juvenile justice system. With a nationwide goal of "A PTA In Every School" by 1919, 37 states have PTA congresses to carry out the work of the organization.

Since their founding 105 years ago, the PTA's programs have changed with the times. During the 1930's with the advent of the automobile the PTA responded with safety education programs for school children, a version of which still exists today. In the 1950's the PTA sponsored a program to participate in the field testing of the Salk polio vaccine and later secured the polio vaccination for all school children.

In the 1970's the PTA was one of the first organizations to be concerned with the increasing violence in our society creeping into our schools. They worked and are continuing to work earnestly with teachers and parents to curb this disturbing trend. As we move into the new millennium, with challenges known and challenges still unforeseen, the PTA will continue to provide the crucial link between parents and educators, and between parents and government at all levels.

While the national PTA will continue to be a powerful voice for all our children, it is perhaps most effective here at home in our neighborhood schools. I know first hand, with my wife Debbie's work with the Arleth School PTA in Sayreville, how many dedicated parents spend countless hours working on behalf of our children. So next time you're at a school bake sale, enjoy your cupcake, but also take whatever time you can and get involved in your local PTA. Our children will be the eventual winners.

Sniglets

LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Gonna Find Out
Whose Naughty
Or Nice

Starting next month, London police will be compiling a secret database of kids they've pegged as possible future criminals. Kids as young as three.

According to the London Telegraph: "Children involved in cheekiness, minor vandalism and causing nuisances, will be targeted under the scheme. Their progress will then be monitored at school and on the streets by special police officers and social workers, even though the children have not committed a crime and will not have been

warned that they are being watched."

After the initiative is established in London it will be expanded nationally. Ian Blair, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, announced, "We intend to create an intelligence nexus which will hold sensitive information about large numbers of children, many of whom have not yet and probably will not drift into criminal activity." (So why do it then?).

Last year, during a murder investigation in south London, detectives came across "dozens of wild and unruly" children. Even though these kids had no connection to the crime, cops considered their environment "a feeding chain leading to rampant criminality,

a mixture of abuse, victimization and criminality," as Blair put it. They saw "children who had, Fagin-like, been coerced and taught to steal, children who rose to prominence within their peer group by dint of theft and violence." So the bobbies are taking a page from the old KGB to do all-surveillance, all the time. After all, it's for the children.

Temper, Temper

During his seven-year-old son's flag football game, coach Treavor Harvey, 34, of Sarasota, FL, became irate at calls by referee Tony Kormansek. After being penalized twice for his outbursts, Harvey then charged onto the field and attacked Kormansek.

The 270-pound coach was arrested and charged with battery. "That is not supposed to be the way you channel your anger," a chagrined Harvey admitted after being released on bail. "So what's the point, Henry?" you might ask. Well, there are a couple more details to this story, as first reported by Fox News. First, Harvey punched the referee because he felt the game was "getting too rough." Second, Harvey is not only a mentor in the Sarasota County school system, he's a

local president of MAD DADS, an anti-violence group that steers young people away from crime.

You just can't make this stuff up.

Henry Damen is a resident of Middlesex County and writes the Sniglets column which appears on a weekly basis.

We welcome any comments you may have concerning any letters or articles on our editorial page.

Military News...

Eccreston Graduates Airman Leadership School

SAYREVILLE—Air Force Senior Airman Tiffany T. Eccreston has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Edwards Air Force Base, Rosamond, Calif.

The training focuses on preparing and better equipping senior airmen to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers. The school is the first of three levels of professional military educa-

tion programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

During the five-week course, airmen learn to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership and communications skills, and the need for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

Eccreston is an information manager assigned to the 412th Operations Support Squadron.

She is the daughter of Jay and Casaline Woods, Douglasville, Ga. Her husband, Marvin, is the son of Marvin R. Eccreston of Roosevelt, N.Y. and Modesta Eccreston of Parlin, N.J.

The senior airman is a 1996 graduate of Douglas County High School, Douglasville.

Marwah Completes Basic Military Training

WOODBIDGE—Marine Corps Pvt. Druv Marwah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kama L. Marwah of Woodbridge, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Marwah successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new

Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Marwah spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and

assorted weapons training.

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Marwah is a 2001 graduate of Woodbridge High School, Woodbridge.

DeVaughn Graduates From Military Training

PARLIN—Air Force Airman James R. DeVaughn has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training and special

training in human relations.

DeVaughn is the son of Louis DeVaughn of Alexandria, Va.

His grandfather, Raymond Kurowsky, resides in Parlin.

In 1990, he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, Alexandria, Va. and in 1995, received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg.

Mercado Graduates Army PLD Course

SOUTH AMBOY—Army Spec. Daniel A. Mercado has graduated from the Army Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) at Fort Knox, Ky.

The five-week course is designed to train soldiers in basic leadership and communications/counseling skills, supply and maintenance, and military professional skills to perform duties and execute responsibilities of junior noncommissioned officers; train and lead soldiers to work and fight under supervision of the battle-competent,

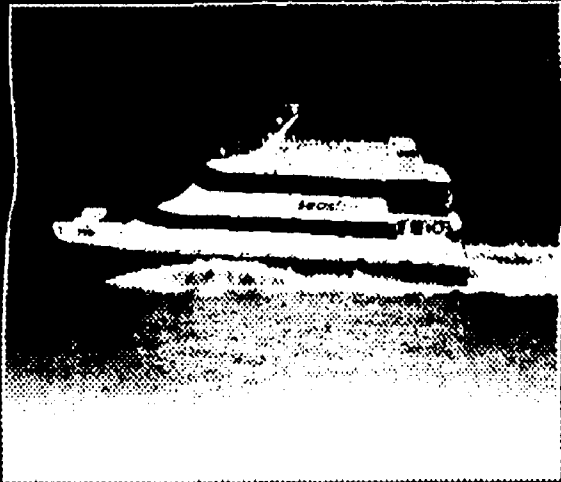
first-level noncommissioned officer. The course included written navigation and military studies.

Mercado is a cavalry scout assigned to the 1st Battalion, 16th Cavalry at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is the son of Mary Mercado of Sayreville and Santo Mercado of Perth Amboy. His wife, Sandra, is the daughter of Bill and Liz Wnorowski of South Amboy.

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London	49	41	pc	42	41	r	46	39	c	49	45	r
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Conference Helps Schools, Parents Motivate Gifted Students

AREA — Are you a school administrator, educator or parent who would like to learn more about motivating gifted students and developing the maximum potential of young people while keeping current with the latest educational programs? Dr. Susanne Richert, President of the Global Institute for Maximizing Potential, addresses these topics and more Fri., March 8, at the

Gifted Education Conference, held at Fairfield University.

Dr. Richert's Keynote address, "Maximizing Emotional and Ethical, as well as Intellectual, Potential," discusses ways to ensure that academic programs foster emotional health and ethical motivation so that gifted potential will benefit our culture as well as the students. Dr. Richert believes edu-

cation for the gifted should go beyond extrinsically defined excellence.

"The highest levels of emotional and ethical potential, as universally defined in diverse cultures, should be the aims of education of the gifted, not just academic or financial success," she said.

The Gifted Education Conference also features six break-

out sessions including: "Maximizing Wise Thinking in Middle-School Students" by PACE Center at Yale University; "Overcoming Patterns of Emotional and Ethical Underachievement" by E. Susanne Richert, Ph.D., Director, Global Institute for Maximizing Potential; and "Problem Based Learning: A Solution for Lack of Funding, Multiple Ability Levels and Standards" by Barbara Swicord, Executive Director, The Summer Institute For The Gifted.

The cost to attend is \$90 and includes materials, a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. The conference runs from 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. The Gifted Education Conference is sponsored by the Summer Institute For The Gifted (SIG), a New Jersey-based company offering summer courses to academically gifted students in grades four through 11. For more information or a Gifted Education Conference registration form please call (973) 334-6991 or e-mail bswicord@cgp-sig.com.

Annual NJ High School Poetry Contest

AREA — Can you escape life through words? Are you able to capture how and what you feel in a poem? If so, the 13th annual New Jersey High School Poetry Contest wants you.

The contest, sponsored by Rutgers-Newark College of Arts and Sciences and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, is looking for artistic high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in sharing their talent. Twenty winners will have their poems published in *News from*

Poems II and receive \$100.

Winners will read their works at a reception in their honor on April 16.

Deadline for entries is March 1, can be from 5-7 pages typed, no more than one poem per page, with the applicant's name on the upper-right-hand corner of every page. The submission must include a cover page with the applicant's name, address, email address (if any), telephone number, Social Security number, high school and grade level.

All entries should be sent via U.S. mail to: Barry Seiler, English Department, Rutgers University, 360 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Newark, NJ 07102.

Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned.

For further questions, contact: Barry Seiler (973) 353-5279, ext. 665 or seiler@romeda.rutgers.edu. Information also is available at <http://pegasus.rutgers.edu/~prosetti/contest>.

New Special Education Funding Law Will Bring Significant Property Tax Relief

AREA — The state will provide New Jersey's school districts with a financial buffer from the high cost of special education—without requiring additional state spending during the 2002-03 fiscal year—thanks to a new law passed at the urging of the New Jersey School Boards Association.

A bill signed into law earlier this month will ultimately provide state funds to local school districts for all special education costs in excess of \$40,000 per pupil. These costs usually occur when the school, because of government requirements or court orders, must send the child to a special-education facility outside of the district. Sometimes, the facilities are located out of state.

Because of the state's pending fiscal crisis, the bill languished in the Legislature and was likely to die when the legislative term ended on January 8. To salvage the bill, NJSBA asked the sponsors to amend it so the fiscal impact would be delayed a year. With the amendment, the legislation gained final approval.

An NJSBA report issued in 2000 showed that the cost of out-of-district special education

placements can exceed \$100,000 per pupil and, in some cases, more than \$200,000 per student. The vast majority of those costs are borne by local property taxpayers.

The legislation, A-2157, was sponsored by Senators Robert Martin and Richard Bagger. It will phase in the new state funding over three years, beginning in 2003-04, according to the following schedule:

2003-04—60% of any costs in excess of \$40,000 per pupil and up to \$60,000

2004-05—70% of any costs in excess of \$60,000 and up to \$80,000

2005-06—80% of any costs in excess of \$80,000

2006-07 and afterward—100% of special education costs in excess of \$40,000.

Up to now, school boards had limited opportunity for financial relief from extraordinary special education costs. They could appeal to the state when special education costs for a student exceeded \$40,000. But not all districts were granted relief and, often, amounts granted represented only partial reimbursement. For example, the state Department of Education reports

that it received 2,276 applications from school districts in 2000-01 to assist with extraordinary special education costs. The applications to the state totaled \$33.1 million. Of that, only \$14.9 million was provided to local school districts.

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Mid-Day	540	\$276.50	\$46.00	\$27.50	JERSEY CASH 5 1-6-19-25-28		
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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Attractive SWF 49, -5'4", 135 lbs., long hair, affectionate and honest. I am looking for an honest and caring man to share life with. For the good and bad times ID# 1048

SWF 41, -Enjoys fun times, walks in the country, sight seeing, historic landmarks, dining out, reading. Seeking non-smoking SWM 40-50 for long term relationship ID# 1045

WWF, widow, seeking a nice man for companionship between 65 and 70yrs of age. I enjoy movies, walking and dining out, TV and reading. I am also an animal lover ID# 1043

SWF, 50's, 5'1" petite, attractive, romantic, seeking a white tall man 5'8"+ professional 49-56. Someone who is nice so we can both enjoy our time together ID# 1042

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SWF, semi-retired, down to earth, kind and independent compassionate home-body but adventurous. Seeking same in senior man ID# 1044

SHF, 45 years old, 120lbs. I am studying English, I'm from Peru. I like to read, listen to music, dance, talk, cook and go for walks. I'm sensitive, kind, honest and enjoy family. I am Catholic. No smokers/drinkers please ID# 1036

Hi, I am a white single lady and I am looking for a very nice man between 66-75. I have red hair, brown eyes and weigh 125lbs. Like to dance, dine out - travel etc. please write ID# 1034

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Attractive SBM, 31, 5'10", 180lbs, short black hair, brown eyes, affectionate and honest. I am looking for an honest and caring woman to share life with. Please have a job and a car as I do. No lazy, heavyset or irresponsible women. Seeking serious replies, I am a homeowner and wish a N/S. Include photo if poss. ID# 1073

SWM, 41, 6', 145lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, N/S, likes to hike, sight-see. I am an old fashioned gentleman who is looking for my lady with whom I wish to share a lifetime of happiness and togetherness with. ID# 1072

DWM, 45, N/S, no children, ISO female who like me, enjoys quiet times, hugs, kisses and cuddling. For long-term relationship, possible commitment. ID# 1071

DWCM, ISO short female, 40's-50's, sensitive, kind, down to earth, togetherness, LTR I'm 5'8", strong 175, young 54, hair, educated, homeowner, F/S, no bad habits, retired. Enjoy nature, shore, dining out, animals, homelife. Include phone #, message. ID# 1069

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Single Black male seeks single attractive passionate, 30-40 yrs, hispanic female non-smoking, physical and nice appearance. Let's talk ID# 1068

Single Male 42: mixed descent, seeks a nice lady. If you like riding the train, CD1019 radio, watching Jeopardy on TV, or are just curious, send me a letter. Let's talk over a drink ID# 1067

SWM 46, 6'2", 230 lbs seeking SDWHA 30-50 female, who enjoys movies, New York, Vids, music, travel and walks on the beach. ID# 1065

SWM, never-married, 44, 5'9". Seeks black woman 25-50 for dating and relationship. Possible marriage in the future, must be affectionate and love to be cuddled ID# 1066

Union County Gentleman, starting over. Mid-50's, easy going, secure w/no vices. I'm not looking for the impossible! ISO caring, honest, F/S, affectionate slim lady that appreciates TLC. ID# 1064

DWM 53, 5'10", N/S, no pets, salt & pepper hair, hazel eyes, stocky build, 190lbs. Seeking SWF or DWF to share with me all the fun and excitement Atlantic City casinos have to offer. Movies, ball room dancing, languages are my hobbies. Hispanics, Orientals ok. You won't be sorry. ID# 1062

Hi, I am a 34 year old Jewish male, 5'7", who is a college grad and N/S. I'm looking for a single Jewish female, 25-37, for a serious relationship. I'm a big sports fan & have additional interests such as dining out & going to the movies. Give me a try, you'll never know what you'll get!! ID# 1058

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM 48, Athletic build, blue eyes, good looking, N/S, enjoys music (rock, "big hair bands") movies, walking and good times together. Like to meet cute WF who can cook. Teach me! ID# 1059

SWM 45, never married, 5'10", 150 lbs. Kind, considerate, honest, open-minded. Enjoys art, music, movies, reading, traveling and bicycling. Seeks vivacious SWF 30-45 to share life with. ID# 1056

SWM 45, 5'10" 170 lbs, green eyes, brown hair. Enjoys cooking, dining out, good conversation, movies and fun with kids. Looking for a SWW, 40-46, honest, pretty for a LTR & friendship. Good shape and fun loving. ID# 1055

64 yr old, white, widower, seeks white female for honest relationship. I love to travel, dine out, movies etc. I am looking for a woman with a great sense of humor who enjoys the same. ID# 1052

Old Fashioned, Christian man seeking marriage minded christian woman, 35-60. I enjoy bible study, nature, zoos, NYC, water falls, fire places and hugs. Write and include phone number. ID# 1049

SWM, 44, N/S, 6'2", eyes of blue, seeks N/S female for a very special relationship. Physical features are not as important as in having a heart of gold. I enjoy movies, dining out, sporting events and taking walks. ID# 1051

Retired WWM, trim, fit, 5'9", 155lbs, blue eyes, hair graying, n/s, artistic nature. Enjoys dining, dancing, music, old movies, theater, beaches, mountains. In search of WF dating partner, 50-60, similar traits and interests, need not bat 1000, in the ball park is fine. ID# 1047

Hi, I am a SWM, 49, 6'1" and 185lbs. I am looking to meet a woman for love and LTR relationship. I'm sensitive, easy going, sensuous, very secure and honest. Give me a try-nothing to lose. ID# 1039

DWM, 55, 5'10", NS, no children 185lbs. Seeking SWF 45-65, totally childless, not too thin, NS. Loves homelife, movies, music, quiet times and travelling, for friendship first. ID# 1057

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SWM, 44, never married, stocky build. Enjoys staying home, oldies and talking sports. Non-smoker, a casual drink while dining out. Seeks SWF same, 40-45 for companionship or more. ID# 1038

FRIENDS

SWF 53 -Hi, I enjoy drives to the country, dining out, dancing and traveling. Prefer a man to be between 55-60 years of age. ID# 1053

ALTERNATIVE

SWM 36 -ISO of other SPM or BM, 21-38 yrs old, enjoys the beach, movies, clubs, smoker/social drinker. Seeking LTR relationship, into cuddling, very romantic passionate, seeks same/likes to party, hang out, muscular, send pic w/phone #. ID# 1046

SBF-honest, sincere and loving. Looking for a full figured feminine woman between the ages of 30-40 yrs Looking for a friendship first, possible relationship. I'm a 38 yr old SBF, petite and straight forward n/s, n/d. No bi's please. ID# 1050

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OBITUARIES

**Frances Rasmussen
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Frances Fritz Rasmussen of Perth Amboy died February 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. She was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Rahway before returning to Perth Amboy last year.

She was a salesperson for Abraham and Straus in Woodbridge for 20 years before retiring in 1990.

Previously, she was a fashion illustrator with Vogue magazine in New York, where she worked with Salvador Dali.

She was active in Rahway with the Republican Party and served as a committeewoman for many years. She was also past president and art chairman of the Women's Club and a member of the Ilderan Outing Club.

Mrs. Rasmussen was a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Federated Art Association.

Surviving are three sons, Drew, Eric and Kurt; two daughters, Ila and Lisa; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Zoila Cabrera, 21
of Perth Amboy**

Zoila Magaly Cabrera of Perth Amboy died February 4 at home. She was 21.

Born in Venezuela, she resided in the Perth Amboy area for the past 12 years.

She worked at United Parcel Service, Edison, as a clerk in the receiving department.

Miss Cabrera was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are her mother, Eleanor Romero of Woodbridge; her father and stepmother, Gabriel and Irma Cabrera of Old Bridge. She was the sister of Eliana Mahmoud and Lenora Vazquez, both of Perth Amboy, Neida Torrez of Hopelawn, Kristina Perez and Oscar Romero, both of Woodbridge; Pvt. Julio Romero Jr. stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.; Carlos Cabrera of Venezuela, Thomas Indio of Union Beach, Ricardo Soto of Florida and Fabian and Sasha Lopez, both of Parlin; an aunt, Zoila Cabrera of Franklin Park and a uncle, Victor Cabrera of Plainfield.

**Enrique Arlequin
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Enrique Arlequin of Perth Amboy died February 9 at Raritan Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 90.

Born in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, he lived in Perth Amboy for 25 years. He moved back to Puerto Rico before returning to Perth Amboy one and a half years ago.

He was a billet inspector for 25 years at American Smelting & Refining Co., Perth Amboy, retiring in 1975.

Mr. Arlequin was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

He was the founder of Guayanilla Social Club, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Georgina (nee Velazquez) Arlequin; two daughters, Nelly Arlequin and Wanda Molina and a son, Luis Arlequin, all of Perth Amboy; and Mildred Rosa of Miami, Henry Arlequin of Staten Island, N.Y. and Alex Arlequin of Washingtonville, N.Y.; and ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Madeline Parsons
of South Amboy**

Mrs. Madeline Christensen Parsons of South Amboy died February 10 at the home of her son in South Amboy. She was 83.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in South Amboy for the past 46 years.

Mrs. Parsons was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, where she was also a member of Ladies Aid Society. She was a former member of the church's Board of Deacons.

Her husband, Ralph D. Parsons, Sr., died in 1990.

Surviving are five sons, Ralph D. Parsons Jr. of Edison, Richard Parsons of Coram, N.Y., David Parsons of Charlotte, N.C. and William Parsons and Larry Parsons, both of South Amboy; a daughter, Evelyn Fasano of North Brunswick; a brother, Martin Pfister of Edison; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Benedict Matysik
of Sayreville**

Mr. Benedict Matysik of Sayreville died February 12 at home. He was 73.

Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong borough resident.

He was employed by Jersey Central Power & Light Co., for 35 years, retiring 16 years ago as a shift supervisor.

Mr. Matysik was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church, Sayreville.

His son, John Matysik, his parents, Walter and Viola Matysik a brother, Walter J. Matysik and a sister, Irene Michalowski, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, the former Mary Nelson; three sons, Raymond of Millstone, Robert of South Amboy and Thomas of Sayreville; and two grandsons, Kevin and Jason Matysik.

**Edward H. Zimmerman
of Edison**

Mr. Edward H. Zimmerman of Northfield, N.H. (formerly of Edison) died at Franklin Regional Hospital, Franklin, N.H. He was 89.

Born in New Brunswick, he moved from Edison to Northfield in 1985.

He retired from the County of Middlesex, where he was a fireman for 21 years. Previously he had been employed by Mack Truck of Plainfield for 29 years.

Mr. Zimmerman was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption R.C. Church, Tilton, N.H.

His wife, Frances C. (Williams) Zimmerman, died in 1997.

Surviving are a son, Edward M. Zimmerman of Northfield, N.H. and Hilton Head, S.C.; two grandchildren, Kirstie Markey of Stanfield, N.C. and Lauren Zimmerman of Bristol, N.H.; and four great-grandchildren.

**Helen Bunda, 92
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Helen Bunda of Perth Amboy died February 7 at home. She was 92.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Bunda was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church.

Her husband, Stephen, died in 1996; and a son, Stephen Jr., died in 1999.

**Alice Gray, 94
of Metuchen**

Mrs. Alice M. Gray of Metuchen died February 4 at Shore Rock Gardens, Brick. She was 94.

Born in Perth Amboy, she resided in Metuchen for the past 59 years.

She was a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen and a member of the Metuchen Senior Citizens.

Her husband, J. Harlan Gray, died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, William J. Gray of Brick; two grandchildren, Scott W. Gray of Jackson and Lori M. Czarruchnick of Edison; and a great-grandson, Nicholas Gray.

**Theresa Juliano
of Edison**

Mrs. Theresa L. Juliano of Edison died February 5 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 90.

Born and raised in Newark, she resided in Edison for the past 22 years.

Her husband, James Juliano, died in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Rosemary Fallano of Edison and Grace Salvato of Nutley; two brothers, Paul Bonassi of West Caldwell and Alphonse Bonassi of Clark; a sister, Roxanne Bazydlo of Bloomfield; four grandchildren, Jennifer Doktorski, Lisa Kamm, Melissa Collucci and Lindsay Fallano; and a great-grandson, Tyler Kamm.

Helen Zjawin, 80 of Carteret

Mrs. Helen Zjawin of Carteret died February 7 at Lake Healthcare Center, Haskell, N.J. She was 80.

Born in Newark, she lived in Carteret for 35 years and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Zjawin was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her husband, Edward Zjawin, died in 1995. A daughter, Ginger Sweet, died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie Wilde of Bayonne; two sons, Frank of Bricktown and Vincent of Laurence Harbor and seven grandchildren.

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Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to advise you that the following is a schedule of meetings of the Perth Amboy Port Authority for 2002 and the first month of 2003.

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2002 MEETING DATES

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March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18

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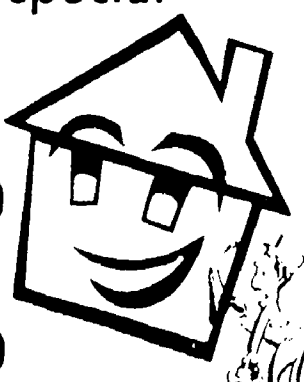
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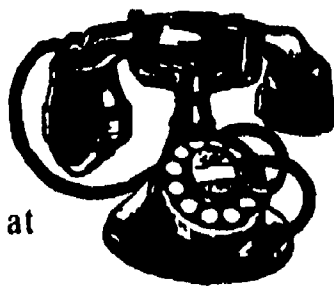
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**Crafters Wanted**

SOUTH AMBOY—The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy is sponsoring its annual Spring Craft Show and Food Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. in

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Custodian Indicted In School Thefts

METUCHEN—A high school custodian has been indicted on charges of stealing appliances, electronics and tools from the district over a two-year period, authorities said.

Frank Marmora, 52, who worked in the Metuchen school system for 22 years, was accused by a Middlesex County grand jury of official misconduct and two counts of theft for allegedly stealing items worth more than \$700.

Marmora has been accused

of taking a refrigerator, a television set, a scooter, a shed and a hoist from the district between August 1999 and October 2001.

Superintendent Terri Sinatra said borough police worked closely with district officials to investigate the allegations against Marmora that were first raised in August 2001.

Marmora has been suspended without pay from his \$40,600-a-year job.

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SOUTH AMBOY—The children's department of the Dowdell Library will hold a story-time for children ages 3 and 4 on Tuesday, March 5 at 11:30 a.m. On Wednesday,

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